

EAST PROVIDENCE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Martin Middle School

111 Brown Street

East Providence, Rhode Island 02914

November 14, 2006

Open Session

The meeting was called to order at 4:30PM by Chairman Gouveia. All members were present: Robert Faria, Eileen Lovett, David Medeiros, Mildred Morris. Also present: Dr. Jacqueline Forbes, Superintendent of Schools

A motion was made by Mrs. Morris to move to Executive Session in accordance with RI Laws, Section 42-46-5 (a) (1) Personnel, (a) (2) Litigation, Seconded by Mr. Medeiros. Vote 5-0.

Motion by Mr. Medeiros to return to open session at 9:00PM seconded by Mr. Faria. Vote 5-0.

Present: Robert Faria, Eileen Lovett, David Medeiros, Mildred Morris, Antone Gouveia. Also, Dr. Jacqueline Forbes, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Robert Silva, Esq. Mr. Steven Santos, newly elected School Committee Member.

A motion was made by Mr. Medeiros to seal the minutes of the Executive Session, seconded by Mrs. Lovett. Vote 5-0.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Mr. Steven Santos, newly elected School Committee member.

Record of Previous Meetings – A motion was made by Mrs. Morris to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2006 and October 24, 2006 meetings, seconded by Mrs. Lovett. Vote 5-0.

Mr. Gouveia reported that the School Committee had been in Executive Session since 4:30PM in order to hold interviews of candidates for Director of Buildings and Grounds position. The High School Principal interviews were postponed and have been rescheduled to November 21, 2006 at 7:00PM at Martin Middle School. Mr. Gouveia apologized for the delay.

The School Committee liaison, Sean Snead of East Providence High School, presented a report.

Chair's Report – Mr. Gouveia welcomed Mr. Steven Santos to the meeting. Mr. Gouveia

mentioned that the crumbling curbstone in front of the Vocational School had been replaced as a result of a joint project by School

Department and city employees.

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Hearings - None

Reading of Communications - None

Report of Superintendent and Staff

Dr. Forbes welcomed Mr. Santos to the Committee.

FY 2005-06 Financial Report - Dr. Forbes reported that the 2005-06 financial report closes out

the fiscal year; the last page indicates a balance of \$20,083.01 of unspent funds. Through the leadership of the prior Superintendent, budget staff and School Committee, the number came in with a small positive balance. Mr. Gouveia commented that through the work of Mr. Vinhateiro, Mr. Capron, Dr. Hilton and Dr. Forbes, the budget has been right on target over the last three years. The School Department has been accountable and he appreciated all efforts for a job well done.

Mr. Faria asked if the balance is a solid number or will anything else come up. Mrs. Morris asked if all bills were up to date. Mr. Gouveia related that the last bill list he signed was for checks going out for May bills; he has been trying for three years to change the manner in which the City pays bills, which is three to four months behind.

Personnel Recommendations – Diane Rodericks presented the report:

APPOINTMENTS

Leigh Anne Mosco Reading Teacher, HS

**(opening for teacher on leave) to end of 2006-2007
school year**

James Thomson Vocational Auto Mechanics Teacher, CTC

Pam Murray Title I After-School Coordinator

George Currier, Jr. Coach, Academic Decathlon, HS

Carol Cipolla Supervisory Asst., Waddington School

Maria Bigelow Supervisory Asst., Waddington School

Delia Curt Advisor, Skills USA (formerly VICA), CTC

Michael Almeida Head Coach, Boys' Soccer, RMS

Amy Dorosko Moran Head Coach, Girls' Soccer, MMS

Tony Vieira Head Coach, Boys' Soccer, MMS

Brian Petsch Head Coach, Girls' Basketball, MMS

Michael Solitro Head Coach, Girls' Basketball, HS

Jennifer Dygon Assistant Coach, Girls' Basketball, HS

Shane Messier Head Coach, Freshmen Baseball, HS

Motion: Morris/Second: Medeiros. Vote 5-0.

RECALL

Beth Studley Teacher Assistant, RMS

Motion: Morris/Second: Medeiros. Vote 5-0.

RETIREMENTS (Close of 2006-2007 School Year)

Luis Carvalho (30 yrs) Physical Education Teacher, HS

Joyce Collard (17 yrs) Reading Teacher, Orlo Avenue School

RETIREMENTS (Close of 2006-2007 School Year) Continued

Lucia Earle (28 yrs) K-ESL Teacher, Whiteknact School

**Richard Hoppman (31 yrs) Science Teacher and Department Head,
HS**

Renee Lizotte (35 yrs) Reading Teacher, MMS

M. Luz Rego (28 yrs) Grade 5 Teacher, Hennessey School

Brian Shea (34 yrs) Psychologist, Sp Ed

**Martha Ann Tyrrell (27yrs) Family & Consumer Science Teacher,
MMS**

Patricia Ciallella (20 yrs) Bus Assistant

Patricia Currier (27 yrs) Teacher Assistant, MMS

Joseph DeMelo (17 yrs) Custodian, RMS

Motion: Morris/Second: Lovett. Vote 5-0.

RESIGNATIONS

Wayne Branch Advisor, High School Newspaper

Robert Geremia Assistant Baseball Coach, HS

Christopher Dante Head Coach, Boys' Tennis, HS

Victor Calderone Head Coach, Wrestling, RMS

William Walker Advisor, SkillsUSA, CTC

Motion: Morris/Second: Lovett. Vote 5-0.

FAMILY & MEDICAL LEAVE (Adoption/Maternity)

Melissa Aniello Speech-Language Pathologist

Meadowcrest School

Effective approx. 1/14/ 07

Nelia Faria-Milhomens Grade 1 Teacher, Whiteknact School

Effective October 23, 2006

Kelley Richardson English Teacher, Gr 6, MMS

Effective approx. 1/19/07

**Andrea Sprout K Teacher, ½ day, Silver
approx. 1/22/07**

Spring Effective

Motion: Morris/Second: Medeiros. Vote 5-0.

PARENTAL LEAVE

Karen Diehl Occupational Therapist

Effective 11/20/06 to end of school year

Motion: Morris/Second: Lovett. Vote 5-0.

The School Committee Chair commented that Mr. Carvalho has been the most successful coach ever; however, he is admired for not only being a teacher of young people, but for teaching morals first and being a coach second. Mrs. Morris was saddened by Mr. Carvalho's retirement, because he is a dear friend to the students, a great teacher and a coach who will be sadly missed.

Facilities Update – Mr. Mutter reported that the curbing project at the Career School had been completed along with boiler repairs at the high school. Also, the maintenance checked out all lighting at the schools to be used for polling places.

Dr. Hilton requested that the School Committee approve a “Request for Proposals for Design-Build Services” as follows: “The East Providence School District intends to hire a design/build team and construct the following projects: Item #1- The heating plant and distribution system including steam traps and condensate system at

East Providence High School. All new burners shall be able to burn both #4 fuel and natural gas; Item #2 – Replacement of the generator for emergency back up for the East Providence High School; Item #3 – A projection of energy savings related to this project (in heating units not dollars) shall accompany the bid documents; Item #4 – Removal of all asbestos from all work locations. A motion was made by Mr. Faria to approve, seconded by Mrs. Lovett. Mr. Gouveia related that during the term of the prior City Manager, the high school boiler was part of the City's five year plan and originally scheduled for replacement in 2009-10. The issue was moved forward to 2007 and the cost fell back on the school department, even though the City budget has the high school listed for \$1.5 million. Some reimbursement will be provided by the state. All voted in favor, 5-0.

Requests for Home Schooling – Mr. Rodericks requested approval of the requests. A motion was made by Mrs. Morris, seconded by Mr. Medeiros. Vote 5-0.

Field Trip Request – Mr. Frank DeVall, Principal of Martin Middle requested approval of two field trips: 5th Annual 8th Grade Adventure Bound class trip on June 13-14, 2007 and two NH ski trips (dates to be announced later). A motion was made by Mrs. Morris, seconded by Mr. Medeiros and Mrs. Lovett. Vote 5-0.

Dr. Forbes recommended the appointment of Mr. Peter G. Barilla, Jr. to the position of Director of Buildings and Grounds. A motion was

made by Mrs. Morris, seconded by Mr. Medeiros. Roll call vote: Mr. Faria, nay; Mrs. Lovett, nay; Mr. Medeiros, aye; Mrs. Morris, aye; Mr. Gouveia, aye. Vote 3-2 to approve.

Report of Sub-Committees – None

Unfinished Business – None

New Business

Student Disciplinary Code – A motion was made to accept the second passage of the amended Student Code of Conduct, seconded by Mrs. Lovett. Roll call vote: Mr. Faria, aye; Mrs. Lovett, aye; Mr. Medeiros, aye; Mrs. Morris, aye; Mr. Gouveia, aye.

Whiteknact School Courtyard Project – Dr. Forbes related that although the courtyard project had already been approved and was in progress, the mural part of the project requires that it be attached to the building. Mr. Mutter described how the mural would be hung and commended all of the people involved, particularly the RI Resource and Recovery (provided two new steel doors and two additional fire alarm light strobes), the URI master gardeners, Principal Linda Succi, who was very instrumental in helping to get the project started, and Mr. Klabouch, a very talented school volunteer and member of the school mentoring program. Mr. Mutter related that the project had been approved by the Fire Department. A motion was made by Mr.

Medeiros to approve the mural phase of the project, seconded by Mr. Faria. Mr. Medeiros would like Ms. Succi to come to the next meeting to talk about the educational aspect of the courtyard. Mr. Faria encouraged everyone to go to see it as it is a beautiful project. Vote: 5-0.

Payment of Bills

Local Operating Bill List:

Warrant #000690 10/23/06 \$ 200,182.00

Motion: Morris/Second: Medeiros. Vote 5-0.

Warrant #000692 10/26/06 \$1,400,882.28

Motion: Morris/Second: Medeiros. Vote 5-0.

Federal Bill List:

Warrant #000691 10/24/06 \$ 284,158.57

Motion: Morris/Second: Medeiros. Vote 5-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Faria to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Morris. Vote 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Iannelli, Executive Secretary

David A. Medeiros, Clerk of the Committee